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JEWES CAUGHT IN AMBUSH

Bitter Battle Near King Solomon's Pools Survivors Making A Last Ditch Stand

King Solomon's Pools, Bethlehem, Mar. 28.
A last ditch stand was being made today in a house in the Hebron Hills by the small group of survivors—believed to be 10—of the big Jewish convoy ambushed by Arabs yesterday when over 30 armoured vehicles were wrecked.

Overhead, three aircraft of the Jewish air force were bombing and strafing the Arabs attacking the house.

On the side of a hill with a view of the wrecked convoy, Reuters special correspondent watched the Jewish planes—two of the Auster type and one a biplane—make bombing runs. Exploding bombs followed.

Hundred of Arabs entrenched in the hills around the trapped Jews met the swooping planes with bursts of rifles and machinegun fire.

The bodies of almost 80 Jews killed in the ambush were re-

Palestine Population

London, Mar. 27.
It is estimated that the Jewish population in Palestine this year is 640,000. Mr. David Rees-Williams, Under-Secretary for Colonial Affairs, told the House of Commons today in a written reply to a question.

This compares with 411,000 in 1938 and 89,000 in 1923—when the British mandate started.—Reuter.

Chinese Plot In Bangkok

Bangkok, Mar. 27.
A large-scale Chinese plot to seize power in Siam has been discovered by the Siamese police, according to press reports here today.

High Siamese authorities declined to comment on the reports which said that police investigators had discovered the existence in Siam of "two well-trained Chinese army regiments, equipped with various types of modern arms and secret radio transmitting stations, all ready to go into operation when the time came."

The reports said that the plotters had been closely connected with former Siamese cabinet ministers.

They had set up a government within the government, according to the newspapers which said that many of the plotters were in Siam.

High police sources were quoted as forecasting lively repercussions to follow the discovery.

The publication of these reports coincided with the return to Bangkok of Mr. Li Wei, Secretary-General of the Kuomintang Chinese Nationalist Party of Siam, who has been to Nanking to report to the Kuomintang headquarters in the political situation in Siam since the bloodless coup d'etat which set up a new government last November.—Reuter.

Marshall Plan To Go Through

Washington, Mar. 27.
House Republican leaders today predicted passage of the "single package" foreign aid bill next week by a vote of at least 3-1. They estimated that at most there would be no more than 100 votes against the \$3,205,000,000 measure which is designed to bolster Europe and China against Communism. Others predicted as few as 70 opposition votes.

Chairman Charles McNichols of the House Foreign Affairs Committee said he believed that "there would be more than 80 against it." Many past opponents of the foreign aid programme have already signified their intention to vote for the measure.

Most of the opposition is expected to come from Mid-West Republicans, a small bloc of Democrats and two American Labour Party members from New York, Vito Marcantonio and Leo Isaacson.

The House Speaker, Joseph W. Martin, declined to predict the vote. But he indicated clearly that the House leadership has no doubt about the passage. He said the leadership did not feel it even necessary to take poll sentiment. The vote on the passage is expected by Wednesday. The measure then will go to a House-Senate conference for an adjustment of differences.

The Senate bill is confined to the ERP. The House bill includes the ERP, economic aid to China; military aid to Greece, Turkey and China; and a contribution to the United Nations Children's Fund.—United Press.

Australia Wants Britons

Melbourne, Mar. 28.
Australia's immigration policy was aimed at increasing the preponderance of British stock by admitting four or five Britons to one other European, Mr. Arthur Calwell, the Minister of Immigration, told an Easter conference of the Victorian Labour Party.

"Labour is proud of its British inheritance but has never advocated racial prejudice and other migrants will be made just as welcome," he said.

Mr. Calwell added that of the 500,000 names registered at Australia House for free or assisted passages, at least 150,000 were nominated by relatives or friends who had offered to share their homes.—Reuter.

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Wedemeyer Report Guesswork

Washington, Mar. 27.
Authoritative sources today described as "wide of the mark" a report published in New York that the suppressed report of Lieut. Gen. A.C. Wedemeyer on China contains a "devastating chronology of American blunders in China since the Yalta Conference."

It is understood the Wedemeyer report largely followed the lines of his recent testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, in which he urged military aid to the Nationalist Government if Communism is to be stopped.

The "New York Daily News" dispatch said Secretary of State Marshall ordered suppression of the report after Wedemeyer refused to sign his name to an emaciated version which State Dept. officials rewrote to take the "heat" off the State Dept. It said the report also included some recommendations for future American, diplomatic operations in China.

The "Daily News" said the whitened-down version which Wedemeyer refused to accept omitted the criticism of American policy and his recommendation of military assistance for China.—United Press.

Truce Declared

Jerusalem, Mar. 28.
A truce was declared today in the battle at the Pools of Solomon to permit the removal of the dead and wounded. Jewish and Arab leaders conferred.

An official press release said that the Royal Artillery firing 25-pounder guns broke up an Arab attack on another Jewish convoy today at El Kabal, east of Mahariya in northern Palestine. The number of casualties was not known.

The Communiqué said that the Arabs attacked five trucks and an armoured car with two-inch mortars and machine-guns. Troops moving to the scene could not get through a roadblock.

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Plane Downed?

Jerusalem, Mar. 28.
Jewish bombing planes went into attack this morning on the Arab convoy of Solomon's Pools, south of Bethlehem, raged into the second day.

Three of the four planes which bombed Arab concentrations yesterday were in action. Arab claimed the fourth was struck by small arms fire and passed from view pluming smoke.

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Motoring Couple Robbed

Five Chinese held up an engaged couple at 9 p.m. yesterday by means of a ruse, near Tai Hang Road, and robbed them of \$200 cash, a wrist-watch and a fountain pen.

Police reported that Mr. Tam Cho-yun, 36, was motoring along Causeway Bay Road, with his fiancee, when he saw a Chinese male waving to him to stop near Tai Hang Road.

The couple drew to a stop, when suddenly four men appeared from the dark. One of them, apparently the leader, leveled a revolver at Mr. Tam, while his confederates helped themselves.

If the robbers then ordered the Tam to drive away, and he immediately reported to the New Station.

Death Or Glory Girl

London, Mar. 27.
A heroine of the Greek resistance, alleged to have told a British submarine commander that she would marry him or shoot him, was bound over to keep the peace for six months in a London magistrate's court today.

The girl, slim and attractive Lianna Maria Kremenzi, who appeared in court clasping a cat and two puppies, was engaged to Lieutenant Thomas Ridgeway until he broke off the engagement last August.

Lady Clinton Baker testified that when the engagement of her daughter to Lieutenant Ridgeway was subsequently announced, Miss Kremenzi called at her flat, threatened a breach of promise action and added that when she had won her case, she would probably do away with herself and take the lieutenant with her.—Reuter.

DEWEY'S PLANS

Albany, New York, Mar. 28.
Governor Thomas Dewey changed his mind about "slitting out" in the Wisconsin primary and announced today that he would make two campaign speeches here where he is pitted against Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Harold Stassen for 27 votes in the Republican presidential nomination convention.—United Press.

Year Of Anxieties And Dangers

Rome, Mar. 28.
The Pope today spoke of "a shadow of singular gravity" hovering over Rome in a special message to the world spoken to a crowd of 300,000 outside St. Peter's here.

Before his traditional Easter blessing "to the city and the world", the Pope spoke for about 10 minutes from the central balcony of St. Peter's to the crowd packing the great square and down the broad new road leading to the river Tiber.

As the Pope spoke of "this year of anxieties and dangers", the crowd held aloft banners bearing the words "Nothing will be lost by peace, and all will be lost by war."

Accentuating his message with decisive gestures the Pope said: "In this year of anxieties and dangers, in this moment which brings world events perhaps definite or irreparable there lies on this Roman multitude a shadow of singular gravity, a sacred sense of anticipation, a powerful spirit that shakes all minds and hearts."

"He who is not blind sees; he who is not disturbed in spirit feels that Rome—the cradle, propagator and protector of the eternal values of life and civilization—is now in a phase which demands the highest vigilance, continuous action, and unconditional readiness from her head and members of Christianity."

"Be vigilant and day in and day out address to all the faithful in the world in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

"The great hour of the Christian conscience has struck. This conscience will either become fully aware of its mission to a mankind whose spiritual values are in danger, and save it, or if it is but half awake and does not give itself to Christ, then his terrible verdict—'Who is not with Me is against Me'—will become operative."

Prolonged cheers greeted this passage.

"Conscious of your responsibility, you will not blindly believe in those who were once full of affections of respect for religion and then revealed themselves contemptuous of the most sacred things," the Pope added. "There is no place for half-heartedness, the resolution of those who believe they can serve two masters. You know the realization of social justice and peace can never be fully established if ever are being closed to the light of Christ and are closed to the erroneous world of materialism."

PICTURE OF THE DAY Apres Vous



Annette Delattre, newly elected Miss Gine Reuve at Brussels, finds her charming self something of a road between two thorns after the award had been announced. Quest was for the girl with the best combination of grace, charm, seriousness and intelligence, and Annette looks as though she romped home with the prize. (A. P. Photo)

CHINA FACING BRIGHT FUTURE

Nanking, Mar. 28.
President Chiang Kai-shek, speaking at a farewell gathering of the People's Political Council members today, declared his personal conviction that China "is at present facing a very bright future."

He said there was no comparison between the situation as it is now and what it was at the beginning of the Sino-Japanese war, when the People's Political Council first came into existence in 1937.

That was a time, he said, when "his country had nothing but faith in democracies."

Speaking in an attitude of complete self-assurance, the Generalissimo said there was no cause for pessimism regarding the present situation in China.

"On the contrary," he maintained, "there should be complete optimism if matters are viewed from a long range."

"Although there are still difficulties in the economic, political and military fields to be overcome, the situation has been radically improved in general compared with 10 years ago," the Generalissimo stated.

He said it was a mistake to include the Communists in a Coalition Government when Mr. George Marshall came to China and attempted to mediate in the civil war, and declared: "The Government never again will repeat such a mistake."

By this statement, the Generalissimo virtually ruled out the possibility of further compromise with the Communists, which up to now has still been held by some Chinese quarters to be possible.

Even as the Generalissimo spoke, the People's Political Council, in a manifesto today, emphasized the importance of a political solution of the Red problem and suggested a national conference of representatives from all factions.

New Troops Move In

Trieste, Mar. 28.
The Giornale di Trieste, an Italian language newspaper in Trieste, said today that 3,000 new Yugoslav troops had arrived in the Free Territory Zone held by Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

Mock Battles Fought In Canton Streets

Mock battles were fought in the streets of Canton for more than eight hours, starting shortly after midnight on Saturday, according to messages from the Kwangtung capital yesterday.

"Martial law" was enforced from 11 p.m. on Friday until dawn on Saturday. All cinemas, pleasure haunts, dance halls, and public entertainment places were closed two hours earlier on Friday night in preparation for the "street-fighting."

Key Government buildings were barricaded with sandbags and the guards with fixed bayonets doubled when orders were flashed for total mobilization of all forces in the city.

In total darkness, mock street battles were fought out between city's garrison forces, guerrillas, police and "bandits" who had managed to "infiltrate" into the capital.

After eight hours the "bandits" were cleared out of the city and the garrison forces, including the police, were left with disturbances, which might occur while the National Assembly is in session.

Responsibilities

The Generalissimo referred to a compromise with the Reds as "a source of potential danger," adding: "The danger now is obvious." He admonished the CPC members that though the Council no longer existed, in name they should still continue to assist the Government by offering suggestions and criticisms.

"He asked them to continue the unfinished responsibilities in the same spirit as they had done in the war years."

GENERALISSIMO ORDERS KMT MEMBERS TO GIVE UP SEATS

Nanking, Mar. 28.
President Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in a last-minute decision today ordered Kuomintang independent candidates to yield their seats in the National Assembly to minority party candidates.

The President's decision was announced in a statement issued early this morning.

Earlier, the Generalissimo had ordered Kuomintang regular candidates who had lost to independent Kuomintang candidates to yield their seats.

Chiang said he had given these orders in the interest of our country, our revolutionary history and our revolutionary responsibility. Whether I have done the right or wrong I submit myself to the judgment of public opinion. It is earnestly hoped that members of our party will understand the decision thus taken by our party to observe party discipline in solving this long protracted problem."

The Generalissimo told representatives of the Kuomintang members elected by popular vote instead of by party ticket, that "you got the most votes and the glory's all yours."

"But the main problem now facing the Government is the suppression of the Communists and in this, the country needs the help of friendly political parties."

"It is essential that all political parties should participate in the National Assembly."

"This Mistake"

"While I bear the full blame for this mistake concerning the elections, you don't need to see the party leaders, you can sue me."

One candidate who gained a majority of 50,000 over his opponent, told President Chiang Kai-shek that he would go to the National Assembly on Monday, carrying a coffin.

Unless admitted as a regular member, he said, he would shed his blood and die a martyr "right there and then. I am

Not Bound

The minority Young China and Democratic Socialist parties say they will not join a government coalition unless the promise is kept. The so-called "irregulars," although members of the dominant Kuomintang Party say they are not obligated by the Kuomintang's backroom deal.

A spokesman declared that "it is more important to protect real constitutional democracy than to maintain the appearance of a coalition."

Ma Wenche, an Independent, told correspondents: "The whole country is behind us. We are legally elected members of the Assembly and we are entitled to convene it without us illegal."

The Assembly of 4,151 members was elected to choose China's first Constitutional President and Vice President. The Independents claim they won about 700 seats, while Kuomintang spokesmen concede that they won at least 400. Only a few more than 800 Assemblymen of all parties had registered by tonight, and it appears certain that Monday's opening will be followed by an indefinite recess.

Boycott Threat

Nanking, Mar. 28.
The Social Democrats may not attend the opening session of the National Assembly scheduled for tomorrow if the inter-Kuomintang coalition is not ratified by their satisfaction, Mr. Hsu Fu-lin, the acting co-chairman of the Social Democratic Party, told Reuters today.

"Although at the moment we do not want to hold up the first meeting of the National Assembly to attain our ends, it is possible we may not attend the first meeting on Monday," he said.

"At present, the Social Democrats hold only 150 seats, all elected by a boycott of the National Assembly under the inter-party agreement, they should have about 200, and the Young China Party about the same figure.—Reuter-AAP.

Archer Seeks Re-Trial

Shanghai, Mar. 28.
A petition was filed in the Supreme Court yesterday for a retrial of Charles Archer, Hong Kong-born Briton who was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder last August of a Chinese black-market dealer.

Archer's counsel also said he had sent a written request to the U.S. State Department through Chinese diplomatic circles for a copy of the judgment. The American Army corporal and co-defendant in the case, to life imprisonment.

Malloy's sentence was pronounced by a United States Military Court in Shanghai.—Reuter.

Peiping Murder Mystery

Peiping, Mar. 28.
The police have offered a reward of CN\$50,000,000 for information leading to the arrest of the persons who strangled a family of three and their three servants in Peiping on Thursday night.

The victim was Kung Ching-cheng, 40; daughter, 18; a 62-year-old maid; a cook; and a chauffeur who visited the house that fatal night.

The police are still questioning Kung's former concubine, Lai Shing-ou, who produced him two sons and (according to the police) for a long time has been trying to persuade him to marry her.

Kung maintained her and the two sons, one six years old and the other four, in separate houses.

He divorced his own wife after the concubine gave birth to the second son. His wife went away but later returned to live with Kung. They never remarried.

The police have set a time limit of 10 days for the arrest of the murderers. Detectives working on the case express confidence they will find them.

The police discounted robbery as a possible motive. They said nothing was taken away from the house.—Associated Press.

Young Viking's Mishap

Hastings, Mar. 27.
Hans Nordenstrom, the 20-year-old Swedish student who plans to sail home to Stockholm in a 10-foot dinghy he bought on holiday at the Isle of Wight, damaged his one-man craft when he tried to beach it near Hastings last night, sailing from the Isle of Wight.

Nordenstrom told Reuters that the boat overturned, but, after getting ashore, he reflected that he would spend the rest of the Easter holiday.

If the present east wind shifts, he hopes to leave Dover early next week, sail across the English Channel to Calais, along the coast to Kiel, and then home to the Baltic.

Nordenstrom had been studying architecture in Britain for the past year. He expects to take another two months over his lone journey.—Reuter.

The Weather

A weak anti-cyclone over central and northern China, with slight extending south to Amoy and to the Hong Kong coast, is the only feature in the weather map.

Forecast: Light variable westerly wind, chiefly with occasional slight rain, very heavy showers.

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TRIESTE CYNICAL OVER THREE-POWER OFFER

Trieste, Mar. 27. The proposal by Britain, France and the United States that Trieste should be returned to Italy has struck a blow at the Trieste Communists. One Communist meeting this week was attended by about 4,000 people and another by 2,000, while several years ago, Leftist demonstrations here often totalled 30,000 or more.

Trieste at present is kept going by the United States and Italy. According to the terms of the peace treaty, Italy must pay Trieste's enormous deficit and the United States is sending a gift of 150,000 tons of food and fuel annually.

In spite of this, however, the Trieste man in the street has an attitude of resignation toward the three-power plan. A banner headline in the Trieste weekly satirical newspaper, La Cittadella,—"Free Trieste breathes its last sigh"—sums up the attitude of the 250,000 inhabitants.

Citadel Against Russia

Madrid, Mar. 27. Portugal is quietly seeking to transform the Iberian peninsula into a citadel against Communist and Soviet expansion in preparation for an ultimate war with Russia.

The scope and extent of Iberian plans was outlined here by high Government figures, who revealed that the preparations are being made in close cooperation with representatives of the United States Armed Forces. Additional rumors are being placed against possible fifth column activity, with chief reliance placed on the Portuguese Legion and the Spanish Falange Militia. The Legion is being expanded to 60,000 men, while the size of the Falange Militia is a military secret.—United Press.

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Secrets On The Move

New York, Mar. 28. The super-secret files of the Atomic Energy Commission were moved to new headquarters under the supervision of armed security guards today. Over 600,000 cubic feet of top secret documents were moved from the Empire State Building to an uptown office.—United Press.

Aussies In Trouble In Colombo

Colombo, Mar. 27. Stopping here for a one-day match with Ceylon on their way to England, the Australian Cricket touring team scored 184 for seven wickets and then declared, and had taken two Ceylon wickets for 46 runs when rain brought the match to an end.

S. Barnes, who made 49 for the Australians, retired indisposed after a fruitless innings. Most of the Australian batsmen found the Ceylon bowling difficult to hit, and Don Bradman, Neil Harvey, Ron Harnage, W. A. Brown and R. Sanger were all dismissed cheaply. S. Coomaraswamy came out with the excellent analysis of four wickets for 45 runs. Bradman's score of 28 consisted of singles and twos and Harnage was dismissed off the first ball he received—a victim of Coomaraswamy, who had sent back Harvey with his preceding ball.

Barnes had recovered from his indisposition by the time the Australians took the field, and drew first blood by getting S. Magrada leg before with the cover at 14. M. Rodrigo, the other Ceylon opener, made 28 before he fell to Johnson.—Reuter.

Exhibition Baseball

New York, Mar. 27. N.Y. Giants—1 San Francisco 0
Cleveland Indians 4 Chicago Cubs 3
St. Louis Browns 4 Chicago White Sox 3
Pittsburgh Pirates 1 Oakland 4
Philadelphia Athletics 4 Boston 0
St. Louis Cardinals 3 N.Y. Yankees 0
Boston Red Sox 4 Kansas City 0
Washington Senators 1 Detroit 8
Tigers 8
—Associated Press.

Political Crisis Looms In Japan

Tokyo, Mar. 28. Mounting labour trouble on a dozen strike fronts with no settlement in sight threatened the new Japanese Government today with a first rate political crisis.

Today for the second day in succession Tokyo remained without tramcar and bus services while communications were disrupted, and walkouts threatened to spread to city water workers, teachers and other unionised public service employees.

Only strong backing from Allied headquarters similar to Gen Douglas MacArthur's admonition against general strikes in February, 1947 can quell the situation. The Labour Minister in the new Arita Cabinet, Kanji Kato told the Diet that at present the Government does not contemplate "any political steps" to end the "striking steps" which he said some Diet members were demanding, he presumably meant efforts to enlist at least strong Allied moral support aimed to pressure labour into obedience. The extra-congested subway and intra-city Government trains are the only means of transportation.

A walkout by 119,000 communication workers brought business to a standstill in over 4,000 Government postal and telephone bureaus constituting a third wave labour offensive in this branch. Thousands of citizens failed to make telephone calls while an estimated over 30,000 telegram messages were held up at post offices.—United Press.

Mid-Week Soccer Programme

The following is this week's soccer programme:

TODAY

Second Division
Kitt Chee v Eastern (Navy 5 p.m.) Ref. Mr. P. George.
R.A.M.C. v Electric (Sookunpoo 5 p.m.) Ref. Mr. Chan So.

TUESDAY

First Division
Sing Tao v 211 Chee (Club 5 p.m.) Ref. Mr. J. Ward and J. Day.
Second Division
Sing Tao v R.A.S.C. (Club 3.30 p.m.) Ref. Mr. J. Day.

WEDNESDAY

First Division
25th R.A. v C.A.A. (Sookunpoo 5 p.m.) Ref. Mr. F. A. Barretto; Linesmen: Messrs. A. Farmer and Y. F. Mak.
Police v South China (Police 5 p.m.) Ref. Mr. J. Ward.

THURSDAY

First Division
Sing Tao v Eastern (Club 5 p.m.) Ref. Mr. J. G. Padley; Linesmen: Messrs. A. Farmer and A. M. Lee.
Second Division
H.Q.L.F. v Eastern (Sookunpoo 5 p.m.) Ref. Mr. N. Delgado.
R.A. v R.A.M.C. (Sookunpoo 3.30 p.m.) Ref. Mr. W. Crawford.
C.A.A. v R.A.S.C. (Police 5 p.m.) Ref. Mr. A. Brogan.

HOCKEY FESTIVAL

Folkestone, Mar. 27. The results of the continental teams in the Folkestone Easter hockey festival, continued today were:

The Royal Belgian Hockey Association beat United Services by five goals to one. The Victory Hockey Club, of Antwerp, beat St. Lawrence College, of Ramsgate, by three goals to one. The Victory Hockey Club, of Antwerp, drew with the National Provincial Bank, each side scoring two goals.

The Tramps Hockey Club beat Goolische Hockey Club, of Buisson, Holland, by six goals to one.—Reuter.

Church Valuables Vanish

Peiping, Mar. 28. Nineteen iron cases containing chalices and other church valuables, vestments and personal effects of Catholic missionaries at Tatung have been lost somewhere between that North-Shansi city and Peiping.

For safety's sake, the cases were consigned to Peiping last week, they were supposed to have been put on board the last train which reached here before the Reds cut the Peiping-Suiyuan railway.

No trace of them has yet been found.

About 20 Catholic missionaries are known to be in Tatung, including four Chinese, one Dutchman and five or six Germans. All the rest are Belgians belonging to the Scheut Mission.

About 10 days ago the Chinese authorities informed the Scheut Mission in Tatung that they intended to blow up the Catholic seminary outside Tatung as a defence measure.

The mission protested. Finally a compromise was arrived at whereby one block of the building, which was damaged during the six weeks Red siege last year, was blown up. The other block, which had been repaired, was not to be destroyed unless the Nationalists are forced to abandon it.

The seminary is situated a mile outside the north gate and had miles from Tatung railway station.

"Fortress"

During the siege of Tatung last year the Reds used the seminary as a fortress and only withdrew towards the end of the siege after Nationalist planes had burned out one of the blocks with incendiaries.

It is not known here whether the new measures agreed upon have yet been executed.—Associated Press.

TRIUMPH OF RIGHT OVER MIGHT

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was symbolic of the triumph of Right over Might, said the Rev. J. H. Ogilvie, O.B.E., M.A., in his Easter Day sermon at St. Andrew's Church yesterday morning. The Church, decorated with flowers, was filled to capacity and many remained standing throughout the service.

Taking as his text, "Behold I am alive for evermore" (Rev. 1:10) the preacher said:

"We are assembled here today to join in worship and praise, with the whole of Christendom, to commemorate the great fact of history—the fact of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 'Easter Day, is Victory Day.' It was this stupendous event which created the Christian faith, and which has been, ever since, the foundation stone of the Christian Church. 'If thousands upon thousands are facing life victoriously now where once they were defeated by sin, it is because they have

found the same Risen Lord Who walked among the flowers of the garden on the morning on the first Easter Day.'

"The empty grave means this, that Right rules: There is much that is bewildering and perplexing in the events of this world of ours. Amidst all the perplexity and bewilderment, the empty grave is a mighty comfort. There, in symbol and type, you get the result of the conflict between truth and falsehood, right and wrong, God and the devil. 'On Good Friday it looked as if wickedness was triumphant, as if the only right was might; for Jesus, Who did no sin, in Whom no fault could be found, was dead, and those responsible for His crucifixion were congratulating themselves on their victory.'"

"But victory lay not with Pilate and the others, but with Jesus. Right was might. Let us go back to the empty grave when two are disheartened and discouraged. Right is might. Truth must prevail. God must reign."

"The fact of the resurrection means assurance about what we call the future life. The disciples had learned from Christ there is only one kind of life. It is that which He awakens, the life whose spirit is love. And it has only one sphere—the sphere of the eternal, the Kingdom without frontiers. 'Jesus lives. Let us take him as our Leader and Friend and Saviour Who is the same yesterday, today and forever.'"

MASS BAPTISM

Seventeen adherents to the Chinese Christian and Missionary Alliance were baptised by immersion yesterday at the Baptist Church, Shing Road, Kowloon City, by Rev. John Bechler. The 17 included 15 women. They were Mrs. Ng Yeung Kwun Yee, Mrs. Choi Ng Wal King, Misses Paul Harper, Ruby Harper, Emerald Harper, Yip But-chou, Mui Yee-man, Mui Yee-fun, Lau Hung yuen, Wong Wah-tai, Mak Mui, Chan Wah-chang, Tam Yau-shuh, Suen Yuan-ye, So Yuen-fong, and Messrs. Yeo Foh-heung and Chang Chi-shing.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fourteenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 6th floor, on Wednesday, the 31st day of March, 1948, at 12 o'clock noon, to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts as at 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd to the 31st day of March, 1948 both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1948.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April, 1948, to 15th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. MILNE,
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Hongkong, 22nd March, 1948.

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U.S. SERVICES AGREED ON THEIR FUNCTIONS

Washington, Mar. 27.

All controversial points which had divided the nation's armed services, as to who should do what with what weapons in the event of war, have been settled, Mr. James Forrestal, the Secretary for Defence, said today.

The Forrestal statement was contained in a memorandum on the conference of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, held at Key West, Florida, and was addressed to President Truman.

Jamming Of "Voice Of America"

Manila, Mar. 28.
Despite American official protests, jamming of "Voice of America's" trans-Pacific Russian language broadcasts is louder and more raucous than ever today.

Monitoring of "Voice of America" programmes by Associated Press, shows interference building up to a crescendo of squeals, howls, dots, and dashes just after 1100 GMT, when the State Department's newscast for Siberia goes on the air.

Before and after that time, when news in other Asiatic languages and English is broadcast, interference usually is negligible and the programme are clear and loud.

Because of the wide variety and number of American transmitters, jamming in California, with the exception of one relay in Honolulu, and ranging from 50 to 100,000 watts, radio experts here feel the people doing the jamming must be using formidable battery transmitters of their own, and that takes considerable planning and a large amount of equipment.

The "Voice of America" medium wave (920 kilocycles) 50-kilowatt relay transmitter at Malolos, 24 miles northwest of Manila, which is scheduled to go on the air officially this coming week, usually play phonograph records, instead of trying to pick up the jammed portion of the "Voice of America" programmes.

—Associated Press.

Rumanian Elections

Bucharest, Mar. 28.
Rumania goes to the polls today for the first time as a Republic to elect a new Constituent Assembly.

A single list of candidates has been put forward by the "Popular Democratic Front," formed from the four Governmental parties—the United Workers, the Labourers Front, the National Popular Party and the Rumanian Popular Union—and headed by Dr. Petre Groza, the Rumanian Prime Minister.

Walls and barriers in Bucharest are being covered with appeals to vote for the Government list although there is no real opposition and Governmental candidates held meetings to explain to the citizens that they must vote for the "sun." The emblem of the sun, the source of plenty and light, was chosen by the Government as a symbol easily understood by those Rumanians who cannot read and write.—Reuter.

Cooperatives In Politics

Newcastle, Mar. 28.
The British Cooperative Party Annual Conference passed a resolution here today urging its National Executive to impress on the Labour Government the need to preach "racial hatred and anti-cooperation" to the citizens that they must make it a criminal offence to be a "racist."

NEGRO WARNING

New York, Mar. 28.
Representatives of 20 negro national organisations announced today that the 6,084,000 members they claim to represent will support Congressmen who back President Truman's civil rights programme.

They said they would oppose the re-election of those who fail to work "for this minimal programme."—United Press.

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U.S. Army "Demob" Delayed

Washington, Mar. 27.

The United States Army has decided to hold on to some 4,200 over-age officers who were previously scheduled to be demobilized by June 30, it was disclosed today.

Officials revealed such orders have gone out to all Army posts suspending the Feb. 3 directive allowing the mustering out of all reserve officers above the age limits.

At the same time the Army suspended another order mustering out all reserve officers who have not already qualified for a permanent commission in either the National Guard or Reserve Corps.

Personnel officers were unable to estimate how many officers are affected by the second ruling. In a third move to retain officers, the Army cancelled the order under which 200 to 400 officers who were regular Army enlisted men before the war would be returned to the grade of Master Sergeant.

The Army said all the three moves were deemed necessary because of the newly developed plans to increase the Army's strength through temporary revival of the draft. An informed source said it would be "pretty difficult" from now on for any officer to get out of the Army.—United Press.

Tornadoes Kill 28 In America

Chicago, Mar. 27.

The latest sweep of tornado winds today left 28 dead in four states and scores injured, while rising waters of the Ohio River threaten to bring extensive floods in their wake.

Twenty persons died in Indiana, three in Alabama, three in Illinois and two in Louisiana. Property damage reached millions of dollars. Another cyclone hit Tennessee but no one was reported killed.

The worst hit town was Connersville, Indiana, where 14 persons were killed and 50 injured. State police said 18 previously reported missing were found at the homes of relatives or in hospitals.

The Ohio River, rising rapidly, flooded hundreds of acres of lowlands along its swollen tributaries. At Portsmouth, Ohio, flood stage of 50 feet is expected by tomorrow. The river climbed six inches every hour at Cincinnati.

Roads Closed
The high water closed off many roads, and highways in the area, but no large-scale evacuations were reported in the Ohio Valley.

Snow fell over a large part of Indiana, covering the tornado-ravaged homes and creating extra hardships for victims of the storm winds.—United Press.

Vietminh Attack On Convoy

Paris, Mar. 28.
Vietminh raiders in force attacked a convoy carrying provisions between Saigon and Mytho, killing six members of the armed escort. Agence France Press reported today from Saigon.

The convoy, made up of a launch and six junk boats, was attacked 40 miles southwest of the capital. The raiders, belonging to Vietminh, who were on board the launch as passengers, took the escort by surprise at midnight, slaying two non-commissioned officers and four riflemen.

The passengers and crew members were captured but were released several hours later. The launch itself was abandoned after having been put out of commission.—Reuter.

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EXPLORER LEAVES IN DRIZZLE

Shanghai, Mar. 28.
After a 24-hour delay, due to inclement weather, the Milton Reynolds survey plane, the "Explorer," took off this morning for Nanking and Hankow despite a steady drizzle.

At Nanking, the four-motored converted military transport, outfitted with scientific instruments and aerial mapping cameras, will pick up part of the Chinese scientific group which will be cooperating with the Americans in surveying the Amno Machin mountains in West China. The remainder of the Chinese party, which outnumber the American scientists three to one, will be travelling separately to Lanchow, the capital of Kansu province, which will be the base of the expedition.—Reuter.

Spanish Rebel Convention

Toulouse, Mar. 28.
The Spanish Socialist convention here today rejected almost unanimously a resolution calling for unity with the Spanish Communists.

The Socialist leader, Prieto, it is reported, has obtained the approval of some 70 per cent of the 6,000 delegates of his resolution calling for rapprochement with the Spanish monarchists to form a coalition government. Prieto is expected to present his resolution tonight for tomorrow.

Anirre Sabot, former Major of Madrid, and Roberto Llopias, secretary-general of the Spanish Socialist Party, today paid a tribute to the memory of Largo Caballero and other Republican leaders.—United Press.

New Delhi, Mar. 27.
The Indian government has announced the appointment of Sardar K. M. Panikkar as Ambassador to China. Panikkar, 53, is a former editor of the "Hindustan Times." Until recently he was Premier of Bikaner State.—Associated Press.

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Amid Precipices In Corsica

Paris, Mar. 27.

Nineteen passengers in a British plane which crash-
ed in Corsica early today were killed, it was
reported by Agence France Presse, the French
news agency, from Ajaccio, Corsica, tonight.
The plane, which had come from New Delhi, struck
the eastern slopes of Mont Cardo at a height
of 6,000 feet. In Paris, it was learned that
there were 15 passengers and four crew in the
machine and that all had died. The aircraft
left Rome at 5.30 a.m. Mont Cardo is in
Central Corsica.

The aircraft, belonging to the
Indian National Airways, left
New Delhi on March 21, and had
stopped at Rome, on its way to
London.

Major W. Follett Routley, the
British Consul-General in Ajaccio,
told Reuters tonight that the
plane was lying in heavy snow
on the mountain top.

"The plane struck a mountain
peak near Venaco," he said.
"Volunteer parties have set out
from Venaco and neighbouring
hamlets, but the plane is in a
spot extremely difficult of access.
It may take several days."

"It is an Alpine operation re-
presenting the utmost difficulty
even to those who know the
mountainous country well."

M. Latour, commander of the
Ajaccio airport, who was one of
the first to be advised of the
crash, immediately left to
supervise briefing of the first re-
scue parties.

The first rescue parties located
the plane this evening and found
the bodies in and near the
wreck, deeply embedded in the
snow.

The first news of the crash
came when an aircraft of the
Corsican Civil Air Rescue Ser-
vice, on a morning routine
flight, saw debris in the snow-
covered mountains three miles
east of Venaco.

The first rescue parties had in-
sufficient equipment to carry the
bodies to Venaco and prepared to
camp the night in a sheltered
spot nearby. Villagers at Venaco
prepared to receive the bodies—
some badly burnt—tomorrow.

Venaco, where the crash oc-
curred, is on the railway line
linking Ajaccio with Bastia and
is roughly halfway between the
two ports. It is in the heart of
the tourist country of Central
Corsica, about eight miles south
of Corte, the largest inland town
in the island.

Deep Gorges
The country is a succession of
deep gorges and rocky peaks,
many of which are a vivid red.
The highest point in the district
is the peak of Monte Rotondo—
8,013 feet.

The list of passengers as given
tonight by an official of the
French Ministry of Civil Avia-
tion, was:

Mrs. Dougal or Dougall,
Mr. P. G. Harwood, Mr. Bar-
more, Mr. Maden, Mr. Lane,
Miss Lane, Mr. Kershad, Mr.
Calap, Mrs. Calap, Mr.
Banni, Miss Rudra, Mr. A.
Stilale, Major Nott, Mrs. Nott,
Master Nott.

The crew, he said, were
Commander Ghose, pilot B. D.
Chowdhury, radio operator W. D.
Patwardhan, and A. Gupta.

The Civil Air Ministry spokes-
man added: "The rescue party
encountered the utmost difficul-
ties because the crash had oc-
curred four hours climb from the
nearest village. Snowdrifts and
steep precipices at this high
altitude added to their difficul-
ties."

Telegrams reaching Paris by
way of Nice tonight said a second
and more elaborately equipped

rescue party of volunteers had
set out by road from Ajaccio to
help when the first party resum-
es its rescue work at dawn to-
morrow.

Fuselage Breaks
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thought it likely that the aircraft,
after being buffeted by a heavy
wind, struck an air pocket and
then crashed.

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struck the snow-covered peak.
The bodies of the crew were
found in the machine, but the
passengers had been thrown out
and were found embedded in the
snow near the wreckage.

It was understood from India
House, London (the office of the
High Commissioner), that no of-
ficial passengers were expected
in the plane crash.—Reuter.

Draft Treaty For A Free Press

Geneva, Mar. 27.

The United States today formally introduced into
the International Conference on Freedom of
Information and the Press a draft treaty de-
signed to abolish all but security censorship
throughout the world.

The proposed treaty would guarantee a free flow
of information around the world. The draft
copy said its purpose was to "implement the
right of peoples to be adequately informed
... to improve understanding... through a
free flow of information."

It is expected the treaty will be
opposed by Russian and "Iron
Curtain" delegates who previously
clashed with United States dele-
gates over censorship and other
differing East-West concepts of
a free press. It would come into
force when two or more states
deposit their ratifications.

The United States is also ex-
pected to introduce a resolution
asking all nations to abolish re-
strictions on the movements of
foreign correspondents.

While the American delegation
was submitting its proposed
treaty, Harry Martin, president of
the American Newspaper Guild,
was refuting Soviet charges that
the American press is controlled
and censored by vested interests.
Jacob Lomakin, the Soviet de-
legate, had charged on Thursday
that the American press is con-
trolled by a dozen persons, and
complained of fluctuations in the
American handling of news.

Martin retorted today:
"This comes strangely from the
representative of a nation
which possesses the strictest
censorship human civilization
has ever witnessed—a nation
where no single word ever ap-
pears in print without being
scrutinized and official approval
of the world's biggest monopoly
—the Soviet Government."

"Flip-Flops"
"There is no fluctuation in the
American press except that
which reflects the ebbs and flows
of news. The fluctuations in the
American press are nothing com-
pared with the fantastic
ideological flip-flops of the con-
trolled press of the Soviet
Union."

Martin said there are 1,700
daily newspapers in the United
States, of which 83 per cent had
local ownership. The largest
chain of American newspapers
numbers fewer than 20 papers,
he said.

In Contrast
By contrast, Martin said, the
Soviet Government appoints, or
at least confirms editors and staff
members on Soviet newspapers
and issues frequent directives to
them.

"There is completely autocratic
censorship in the Soviet Union,"
he said. "When there is an op-
position newspaper in Russia,
the Soviet delegate will be in a
better position to attack the
American press."

James Watson, of the United
Kingdom, said similar charges
against the British press "are
so ridiculous I shall not bother
to answer them. The British
press is under the control of its
editors, and they are respon-
sible only to their readers."

Point of Order
Lomakin said Martin still had
not answered the charge that
American newspapers imposed
censorship by their selection of

Easter Eggs

Los Angeles, Mar. 27.
Easter eggs—5,000 of them
—have been sent by a friend-
ship plane to orphans in Lon-
don. For many of the chil-
dren in London's 17 orphan
homes it may be their first
fresh egg.

The eggs were supplied by
the Pacific States Butter,
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Communist Ban In Bengal

Calcutta, Mar. 27.

Police patrols were streng-
thened in Calcutta today as
Communist offices throughout
West Bengal were being sealed
up, following the Provincial
Government's ban on the Com-
munist Party of India.

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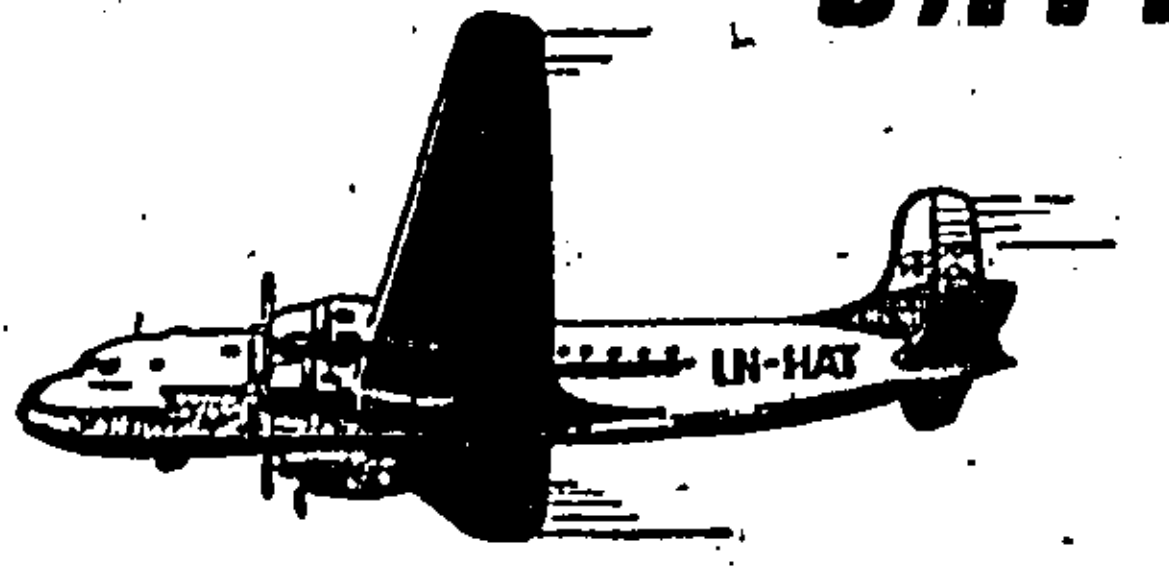
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Jewish Planes Bomb Arabs Fail To Free Ambushed Truck Convoy Jerusalem Swept By Gunfire

Jerusalem, Mar. 27.

Four Jewish planes bombed Arab concentrations south of Bethlehem in a day before Easter battle but failed to free a convoy caught in a maze of Arab roadblocks, the Royal Air Force reported tonight. This was the first official report of the use of aircraft on such a scale in the Arab-Jewish civil war, although there have been previous instances of Jewish reconnaissance flights.

Gunfire swept Jerusalem only a few hours before Jewish bells were to ring for Easter Sunday. Bullets whined near the church of the Holy Sepulchre, said to be the site of the tomb of Christ's resurrection.

The developing convoy battle was waged near Solomon's Pool. The Arabs poured heavy gunfire on the 30 vehicles they had surrounded.

One British military armoured car sent to the scene was disabled. The Arabs hammered five Jewish armoured cars believed to contain reinforcements dispatched to help the convoy. Two trucks of the convoy were on fire.

Police said the Arabs manned roadblocks between Bethlehem and Kfar Etzion. An RAF pilot sighted the Jewish aircraft circling over the battleground.

A Government spokesman said the convoy travelled southward from Jerusalem to Kfar Etzion before dawn without reporting to British security forces. It was making the return journey when the Arab attack began.

Jerusalem and its suburbs were swept tonight by a five-mile line of gunfire in the bitter Arab-Jewish conflict. The line extended from Beit Jala, north of Bethlehem, to the commercial centre in midtown Jerusalem.

Units of the Warwickshire Regiment moved up along the walls of the old city through the Valley of Gehenna (Hell). The Tommies carried large mortars.

Associated Press.

The Arabs reportedly descended from the hills, erected roadblocks and tried to exterminate the surrounded vehicles.—United Press.

Heavy Firing

Jerusalem, Mar. 27. Heavy firing broke out over the Holy City today and Sabbath strollers crowding the sidewalks emptied the streets in less than five minutes.

First reports said that one Jew was wounded. Hagannah blocked off the streets leading into Jewish areas. The strollers rushed to their homes or took refuge in stores, cafes and bars.

Two Arabs were killed and one was injured today when an electric mine destroyed an Arab

pumping station at Beit Dajan near Jaffa.—United Press.

"Madness"

Oslo, Mar. 27. "It would be madness to let the Danish and Norwegian soldiers take the risk in Palestine."

That is what the Conservative newspaper "Morgenbladet" said today about the Jewish Agency proposal that Danish and Norwegian occupation forces be sent from Germany to Jerusalem to maintain order.

The "Morgenbladet" was the only Oslo paper to comment on the proposal.

A Jewish Agency spokesman said yesterday that the troops should be sent to prevent destruction of the city's holy places.—Associated Press.

THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS ASTONISHED

London, Mar. 27.

British officials today read with considerable surprise the overnight reports from New York that Britain and the United States were in negotiation over the possibility that Britain might remain responsible for the Palestine administration after May 15.

A Foreign Office spokesman stated categorically: "No such negotiations are in progress and no proposal has been made by the United States, either formally or informally, that the British authorities should stay on in Palestine after the date named for final withdrawal."

The Foreign Office spokesman also strongly denied the statement made last Thursday by President Truman that Britain had originally proposed to abandon responsibility for

Palestine on August 15 and had later advanced the date of May 15.

He denied that August 15 had ever been suggested as the date on which the mandate should end. August 1 was given by Sir Alexander Cadogan, head of the British delegation to the United Nations, as the date by which all British forces would be withdrawn from Palestine. Official opinion in London remains confused that the dates for ending the mandate and for the withdrawal of British forces will not be changed at the last minute.—Reuter.

NOT M-DAY FOR DANES

Copenhagen, Mar. 27.

The Danish Defence Minister, Mr. Rasmus Hansen, tonight rejected a report of unfounded rumours which followed the cancellation of Easter leave for some of the Danish forces.

He explained that leave for certain ranks had been staggered during the holidays to ensure that service troops would be adequately guarded.

Last Wednesday, it was reported that Danish officers on Easter leave had been asked not to leave the area in which they were stationed and that Easter leave had been cancelled for officer cadets elsewhere.—Reuter.

Prague Reds Try To Justify Action

London, Mar. 27.

Prague newspapers report that large quantities of arms were concentrated in several trains along the Czechoslovak-Bavarian frontiers just before the February events in Czechoslovakia, Moscow Radio said on Saturday. But when events took a bad turn for the conspirators, the trains were sent off in the direction of Paris, the report added.

The arms were intended for the anti-Government plotters in Czechoslovakia, said the broadcast quoted in London by the Soviet monitor.

In Berlin, American military authorities on Saturday denied the reports. They said the only arms traffic on this border involved armaments exported by the Czechs for sale abroad—including the Middle East.

Public safety officials said there had been a number of such train shipments consigned to ports in France for transportation to other countries in Africa, the Middle East and South America.

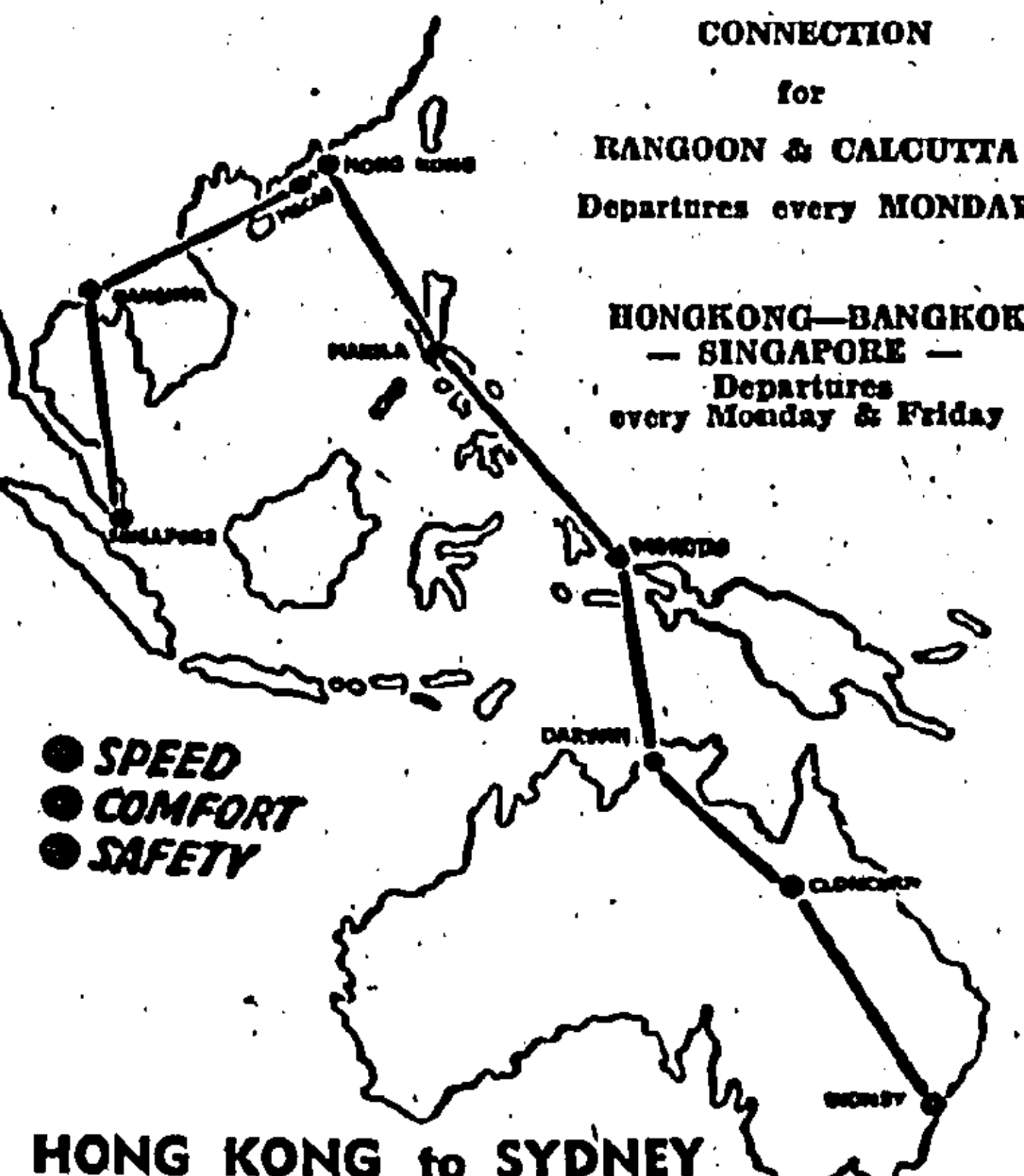
Palestine? Asked whether any of these arms were going to Palestine, an American official said: "We should not want to insinuate that, but it might be a reasonable guess." They said the shipments were handled by Czech exporters with a government licence. They were permitted to travel across the U.S. Coast of Am.

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UNO 'Showdown Soon' On Atomic Energy

Lake Success, Mar. 28.

Exports here are predicting that the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, after two years of drifting from one stalemate to another, may soon tell the Soviet Union that unless she is prepared to cooperate with the majority the Commission will end its work.

Teddington Watchman Murdered

London, Mar. 27.

Thieves murdered the night watchman, 74-year-old William George Silver, at the Savoy cinema, Teddington, last night. Silver's home was in North Lane, Teddington. He was found at 7.30 yesterday morning by cleaners, lying in the back circle in stockinged feet, unconscious, bound and gagged. He died in hospital last night.

The police believe that the "noodle" was cut away from the cinema's fire system by the thieves. Unsuccessful attempts had been made to open the safe. The police are searching for the missing boots of the dead watchman.

Silver, a former taxi proprietor, leaves a 72-year-old widow. Last night about 1,000 people visited the cinema unaware that the watchman had been murdered.—Reuter.

Authoritative quarters expect a "show-down" soon because the feeling has grown among the United States, British, Canadian, French and Chinese delegations that there is no point in continuing desultory discussions which have not substantially altered Russia's minority views.

The main point at issue is, broadly, that an overwhelming majority of the United Nations believe that atomic energy cannot be successfully controlled unless all atomic activities are put under the management or control of an international atomic board. The Russian reply is that such a board should have only limited supervisory duties and that mining and products of atomic materials should remain completely in the hands of each state.

Russia also maintains that before any international atomic control plan can come into operation, all nations must destroy their existing atomic bombs and promise not to make any more.

All Or Nothing

An exhaustive research by experts from many countries has convinced the majority that the Russian plan would not guarantee that one nation might not build up secret stockpiles of bombs. They want complete United Nations control of nothing.

Experts here predict that if the Soviet Union persists in its attitude the Atomic Energy Commission will report at the next General Assembly in Paris that a complete deadlock exists and that there is no point in continuing the Commission in its present form.

They then expect the General Assembly to vote to set up a new Commission with the task of preparing an international control board to include all those nations which are devoted to the majority principles and are prepared to cooperate.—Reuter.

FISHING SMACK IN TROUBLE

Madrid, Mar. 27.

The Norwegian fishing smack "Rex" was tonight reported to have put into Bilbao in stormy weather while on her way to Coruna. She sailed from Oslo and her ultimate destination was said to be Argentina. The seven men on board, described as two Norwegian fishermen, were reported to be planning to sell the smack to raise money for their passage to Argentina.

Reuter adds: Reports from Oslo had said a Norwegian Quisling had reached Bilbao in a fishing smack.—Reuter.

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Chinese Uprising Denied

Sydney, Mar. 27.
The Chinese Consul General, S. Y. Woo, in a statement today, said that a complete investigation failed to substantiate newspaper reports of a Chinese uprising on Manus Island.
He said the Chinese nationals there had only one pistol among them and that had been borrowed legally from the United States Navy and was in the possession of Captain Yeo Wang, who is in charge of the Chinese.—United Press.

Rank And Hollywood Pleased

Washington, Mar. 27.
J. Arthur Rank is to send to America 30 films in the coming year.

Announcing this in Washington, Britain's No. 1 film magnate said he was "very pleased" that England and Hollywood are now back on speaking terms; he predicted keen competition between the two countries, leading to more and better films.

Eric Johnston, President of the Motion Picture Association of America, told reporters at the same time that the U.S. industry may branch into new industrial activity in Britain, including television and radio.

Last week Rank also visited President Truman to whom he talked about the four-film business.

"I was brought up in flour milling," Rank told reporters, and some of the President's relatives believe his wife's people were interested in flour milling.—Associated Press.

Recommends Wallace Be Shot

New York, Mar. 27.
Mr. Henry Wallace, third party candidate for the Presidency, told a nationwide radio audience last night that a police chief in one of the nation's largest cities has recommended that he be shot.

Attacking the Truman Administration for "branding as Communists the millions who oppose" the present Government policy, Mr. Wallace quoted the police chief as having written in a letter:

"Mr. Henry Wallace is un-American, and un-Americans should be shot."

Mr. Wallace mentioned no names, but in Detroit today, Police Commissioner Harry S. Troy, who recently wrote a letter to the head of a "Wallace for President" Committee, said emphatically: "If the shoe fits Henry Wallace, let him wear it."—Reuter.

FLEEING FROM RUSSIANS

Wiesbaden, Mar. 27.
Ten thousand people have tried to flee into the United States Zone province of Hesse from the Soviet Zone in the past four weeks, the American Military Government announced here tonight.

Five thousand were stopped at the frontier and turned back; 3700 were caught after crossing the frontier and sent back; and 1,300 were arrested and will be prosecuted, the Public Security Department said.—Reuter.



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New York, Mar. 27.

Verbal barrages traded in the world crisis were featured by new Washington charges today that Russia is to blame for postwar deterioration in international relations. The Washington attack was centered largely on Soviet responsibility for the breakdown of the Four Power Control Council in Germany.

A sharply worded State Department statement charged that Russia was responsible for the economic and political division of Germany. It charged that the Russians had reopened the Buchenwald and Oranienburg Nazi concentration camps and filled them with German political prisoners.

The Navy charges that Soviet submarines were sighted off the American coast were attacked by two Mid-Western Republican Congressmen. Representative Dewey Short (Republican, Michigan) said it was "just a lot of wild talk" from the Navy. Representative Albert J. Engel (Republican, Michigan) noted: "We have warships in Iceland and the Mediterranean. So what?"

Following the embargo on plane shipments to Russia and talk of other drastic export curbs, the State Department revealed that actual shipments of surplus goods to Russia since the war totaled \$105,545, including \$25,570 worth of airplane engines. The remainder was in coats, mattresses, clothing, teletype machines, tires and tubes. It said that no war material was included.

A strong move backed by Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (Republican, Michigan) was reported to be developing in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee against making fresh international commitments which might involve the using of United States troops.

It is understood that Vandenberg was particularly concerned about commitments to China and also regarding the possibility that American troops might be unfavorably deployed in such countries as Greece, Turkey and Italy. Another report was that Atom Bomb No. 8 would be tested on Eniwetok Island this spring. One version suggested that the test might already have been carried out in great secrecy.

Other Phases

Other international developments were:

Helsinki—Finland is studying the full text of the proposed Russian treaty of friendship and military alliance. Government circles describe the proposal as "the serious" and say that friendship and military provisions are inseparable. The War Assets Administration in Washington placed the May 30 "stop order" on the shipment of 46 locomotives to Finland, although Finland bid the highest.

Sucharest—The Foreign Minister, Ana Pauker, and other Government spokesmen denounced former King Michael as a "playboy" in speeches designed to whip up sentiment for elections on Sunday.

Rome—Vice-Premier Rinaldo Ossola, Cabinet chief in charge of public order during the election campaign, demanded that uniformed Communist youth brigades be disbanded by force if necessary. He charged that the Communists are organizing "action squads" in northern Italy for aggressive action.

Copenhagen—The Danes are expected to reject the proposal by the Jewish Agency that they provide troops to police Jerusalem.

Salonica—Fifteen convicted guerrillas were executed.—United Press.

CYNICAL VIOLATIONS OF JUSTICE

Toledo, Ohio, Mar. 27.

The masters of the Kremlin have "wantonly, cynically, sadistically, and with calculation and deliberation, violated every principle of civilized international justice," Joseph W. Martin, Speaker of the House of Representatives, declared tonight.

In a speech at the University of Toledo the Congressman asserted: "They have embarked upon the same kind of a desperate attempt at world domination and despotism that the mad Hitler and his brutal minions tried."

Martin appeared at a meeting launching a "Letters for Democracy Month" designed to combat Communism. In the campaign originated by Mayor Michael Sale, Toledo residents are urged to write to relatives and friends in Europe about the benefits of Democracy in this country. The United States is the only great nation left which can spearhead a world movement to stop this onward march of despotism, Martin said.

"Russian Madmen"

Declaring "we intend to stop these Russian madmen from subjugating and enslaving Europe and Asia," speaker Martin said:

"We must stop them. We sent men out to die for liberty and to keep the torch of hope and freedom burning in the world. We do not intend to see their sacrifices made futile and empty by men mad with lust for power who are determined to overrun the world."—Associated Press.

Bombay, Mar. 27.
An informed source said today India's Communist Party is preparing to go underground in anticipation of a ban on its activities. The informant said a Party meeting in Calcutta a month ago was called to make such plans.—Associated Press.

"Izvestia" Attacks The Norwegians

Moscow, Mar. 27.

The newspaper "Izvestia" struck out heavily today at Norwegian Government Rightists whom it accuses of "selling out Norway to the United States." An article by Commentator Peter Grinin claimed that collaboration militarily with the United States has gone to the extent that "it envisages use by the American War Department of the Jan Mayen and Svalbard Islands."

These Arctic possessions of Norway are not distant from the Soviet shores, and close to Spitzbergen where the Russians have coal-mining concessions.

Grinin said the "fruits of the present tendencies of the Norwegian ruling circles are becoming more and more dangerous to the Norwegian people."

"According to the latest information in Oslo, the War Departments of Norway, the United States and Britain, in obvious preparation for a western union agreed to far-reaching measures such as the standardization of Norwegian armaments according to American pattern, and the leasing of Norwegian territory for American and British bases."

He said Norway has purchased jet-planes and arms from Britain and "established" at Svalbard "a permanent air base for American Trans-Arctic flights."

He said British Military experts have been visiting Northern Norwegian ports. Grinin went on: "We may add the collaboration envisages the use of the Jan Mayen and Svalbard Islands (Norwegian) by the American War Department."

Norwegian "Diehards" He said progressive elements in Norway understand the course Norwegian Labour leaders are pursuing and are protesting against it. "However, these sober warnings are not having the proper effect on Norwegian 'diehards,' he added."

They are ignoring the interests of the Norwegian people, who have to pay for the ideological affiliations of the present ruling circles and the changes they are making are leading to the subordination of Norwegian policy and interests to foreign capital.—Associated Press.

Lottery In Rome

Rome, Mar. 27.
The Ministry of Finance today approved a lottery based on the outcome of next month's national elections. Benefits from the lottery, which will be known as "Totalvoto," will go to Italian unemployment relief.

The winners must guess correctly the number of assembly seats which will be won by separate parties. They will receive "numerous and important" prizes, with consolation prizes for the runners-up.—United Press.

Greek Guerillas Executed

Salonica, Mar. 27.

Fifteen unshaven and unkempt guerrillas were executed by firing squads in the rainy dawn today for their part in the rebel shelling of Salonika on February 10. They didn't die easily. Many had to be finished off with Tommy-guns. None broke down and all died standing, with their eyes unbanded.

Before daylight a gray-bearded Orthodox priest visited each condemned man. He prayed for each one, wrote letters for some and gave cigarettes to others.

As they lined up in front of the wall officers walked along the line, asking each man if he had anything final to say. Most professed their innocence. Some struggled and said nothing. One spat on the ground.—United Press.

Door Left Open To Russia

London, Mar. 27.

Britain "must never cease to seek an understanding with Russia," Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the War Minister, told a Labour Party meeting at Durham today. "If we fail," Mr. Shinwell declared, "then sooner or later the world will be threatened with further conflict."

"If we could only realise the horrible features of a future war, no measures would be too extreme to prevent it."

"It has been made clear that the door is left open for Russia to enter. I hope the leaders of Russia will take full advantage of that offer."—Reuter

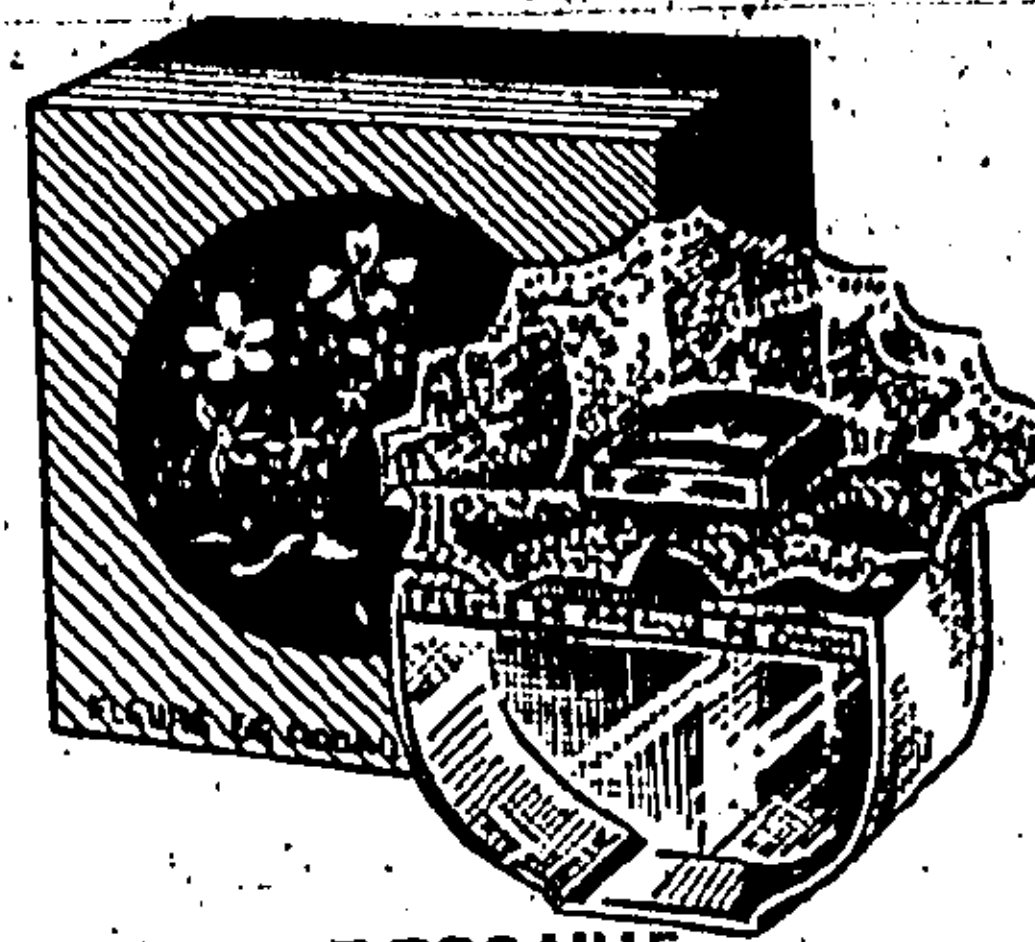
FOREIGN STARS AT LA SCALA

Milan, Mar. 27.

Three foreign singers, including two from the Metropolitan Opera who recently made their debuts in Italy, held the principal roles last night in the first performance of Wagner's "Parsifal" in the famed La Scala Opera House here.

The leading roles were sung by Anna Balos, Metropolitan singer who had her first Italian performance at Naples recently; Metropolitan singer Alessandro de Swed; and the Spanish singer Giovanni Voyer.

Italian conductor Ettore Panizza, who directed the first Italian performance of "Parsifal" in 1921, directed it again last night.—United Press.



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GUATEMALAN RESOLUTION ON AMERICAN COLONIES

U.S. Opposition Expected At Ninth International Conference

Colonial Issue Only An Argentine Pawn?

Bogota, Mar. 27.

Mr. George Marshall, U.S. Secretary of State, is expected to oppose a Guatemalan resolution to end British, French, Dutch and Portuguese ownership of Central and Latin American territory when the ninth international conference of American states opens here on Tuesday, informed quarters forecast today.

They said that Mr. Marshall would fight the anti-colonial campaign, backed by Argentina, Chile, Ecuador and Venezuela, on the grounds that it endangers the unity of the Western Allies and Western Hemisphere at a time of extreme international tension.

A vigorous press campaign against British Guiana has developed in Venezuela in the past two weeks as a prelude to the opening of the conference in this city, nearly 9,000 feet up in the Colombian Andes.

Brazil, Mexico, Colombia and most of the Central American states, who are suspicious of the Arvello regime in Guatemala, will probably back the United States.

Although the British Embassy here will watch the progress of the conference closely and will keep the Foreign Office intimately informed of developments, there will be no official observers from European countries in attendance.

Most of the delegations are due to arrive in this city over the weekend. The chiefs of the delegations, including Mr. Marshall, who is arriving tomorrow, will be formally received by the President of Colombia, Dr. Mariano Perez, on Monday.

The President will formally open the conference on Tuesday. The trends of the conference will not become clear until the later part of next week. Informed officials, nevertheless, forecast confidently that as has happened before the sessions will be dominated by Argentina and the United States.

Pawn In Game

As the United States is expected to use economic pressure as a bargaining weapon, Argentina is likely to wield the colonial issue and its disruptive potentialities as a pawn in the game of extracting all possible assistance from the United States.

There is evidence that Mr. Marshall is coming fully equipped for such a contest.

The unprecedented strength of the delegation, which in-

cludes Mr. John Snyder, Secretary of Commerce, Mr. McClellan, U.S. Ambassador to the Export-Import Bank, and Mr. William Pawley, United States Ambassador to Brazil, is a testimony of this.

The American policy is likely to press for the conclusion of a broad economic charter which would liberalize trade practices and open the way for private capital, which would be supplemented by some Export-Import Bank and World Bank financing.—Reuter.

Yugoslav Troops Deployed

Trieste, Mar. 27.

The Yugoslavs have brought 1,000 reinforcements into their occupation zone in the free state of Trieste and have deployed them along the border of the zone guarded by American and British troops, according to Italian refugees today.

They reported that the troop reinforcements were from the Yugoslav-occupied part of the Piritin Peninsula. They said the Yugoslav troops movement included heavy weapons and field artillery.

Despite the reports (British) Maj. Gen. Trenchard, Airy, commander of the Allied zone, said that no incidents have taken place on the frontier. He said all was quiet in the northern zone and he expected the calm to continue.

The Communists themselves contributed to the general calm. They planned and obtained Allied authorization for a mass meeting but cancelled the rally at the last minute, announcing that it will be held on April 1.

Informed sources believed that the Communists called off the demonstration because of the low attendance records at three other meetings this week.

The Allied authorities took steps to insure control of the Communists' May Day celebra-

Atomic-Bomb Precautions

London, Mar. 27.

Britain is looking to her defences. A well informed source said the Government is studying the problem of protecting civilians from atom bombs.

That, the informant emphasized, does not mean that Britain expects war. It does mean, he added, that the Cabinet is worried "lest someone overcharge his arm and provoke a fight wanted by neither side."—Associated Press.

Air Mail To Germany

Frankfurt, Mar. 27.

The joint Export and Import Agency of the combined British and American zones of Germany has allotted \$50,000 a month to enable air mail to be used to revive Germany's foreign trade, it was announced here today.

Air mail to all countries with which postal communication is allowed, is expected to begin in May.

All postal services available to Germans in the combined zones will also be available between them and the French zone from April 1, it was also announced.—Reuter.

Mystery Submarine Off 'Frisco

San Francisco, Mar. 27.

The U.S. Navy sent search planes out to sea today after the crew of a Pan-American Clipper plane reported sighting an unidentified submarine about 60 miles southwest of San Francisco just after dawn.

A Navy spokesman said no United States submarines were in that area and that if the plane crew had actually seen a submarine "it was not one of ours."

Earlier a Navy source had suggested it might be the US Submarine "Carp," on a training cruise. But the Navy later determined "Carp" was inside Monterey Bay.

Captain Jack Myers of an inbound Pan-American plane said the submarine was on the surface when first seen, but submerged as the plane moved over it. There were no identifying marks on it, he said.—Associated Press.

Threat Of More Strikes

Chicago, Mar. 27.

Two major developments were reported today on the American labour front, affecting railroads and newspapers.

In Washington, an emergency board investigating a threatened strike of 150,000 key railway workers suggested that the roads grant engineers, firemen and switchmen a 15% cent hourly wage increase. As the brotherhood representing the workers already have refused such an increase, the threat of a walkout after April 26 continues.

Another Government body issued a restraining order against the International Typographical Union, ordering the union to refrain from any strikes or slowdowns which might be caused by any outlaws acts.—The injunction is effective until the walkout is settled by the National Labour Relations Board.

Members of the ITU are striking against 16 newspapers in nine cities. The biggest strike is in Chicago against six dailies, with a total circulation of over 3,000,000.—United Press.

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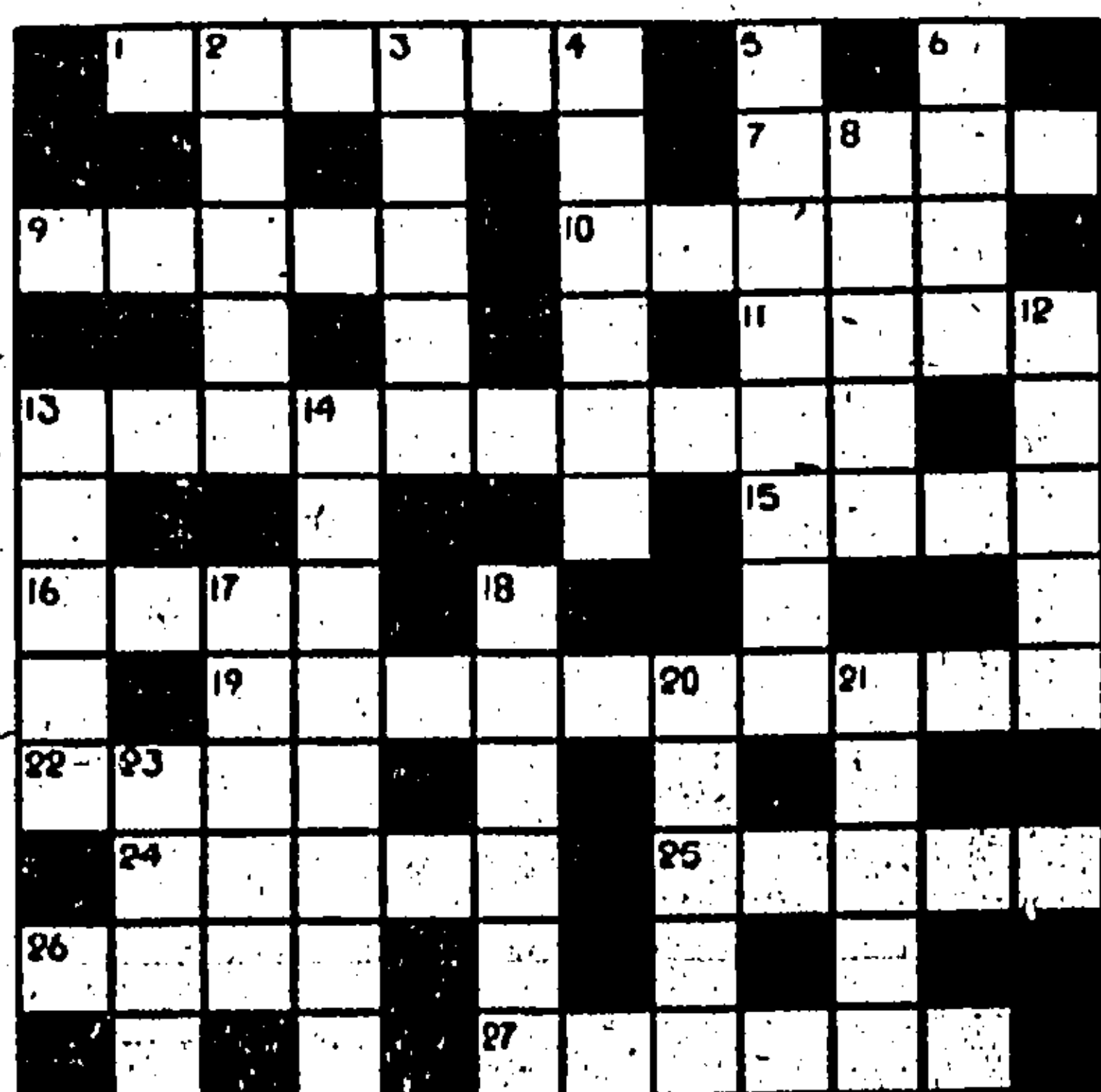
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Tokyo Transport Strike

Tokyo, Mar. 28.
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The stoppage of road transportation within the city and its environs is causing appalling congestion on the Government-operated railways and the Tokyo Central Station alone yesterday handled 80,000 more passengers than on normal days.

Rush hour conditions likewise prevailed all day long on the subway, which reported an increase of 50 per cent in passenger traffic yesterday.

Meanwhile, the meeting between leaders of the labour unions and the Prime Minister, Mr. Hiroshi Ashida, yesterday ended without agreement.

Arranged by the Communist leader, Sanzo Nozaka, and five other Lower House Members, the meeting lasted only eight minutes during which the Premier declined to discuss the points at issue.—Reuter.

Russian Ore Exports

Washington, Mar. 27.
An influential House Republican today proposed that the United States abandon the import of Russian manganese and chrome and develop productions at home or "in friendly nations."

Karl Mundt made the proposal in answer to Secretary of Commerce Harriman's disclosure that he will ask new powers from Congress to strengthen his hand in a possible trade war with Russia.

Mundt, an outspoken advocate of tighter controls over exports to Russia, said America can be "completely self-sufficient" in iron, manganese and chrome. Some of the iron is available in Turkey, India and Brazil.

Harriman hinted he feared Russia might retaliate against the new restrictions on the purchase of potential war goods by shutting off her sales to the United States of the two strategic materials. In that event he wants authority to block all imports from Russia.

He said with this power as a lever the United States might be able to force Russia to continue shipments of the materials.—United Press.

Mercantile Bank of India

London, Mar. 27.
Despite unfavourable economic and political factors in the Far East last year, trade has been active and banking business expanded, said the Chairman at the annual meeting of the Mercantile Bank of India.

Loans and advances increased by more than £3,000,000 and profit was well maintained at over £163,000. But if the relative prosperity was to continue and activity of the East, these countries need a long period of stable government for rehabilitation and reconstruction.
At present, said the Chairman, there is a great degree of shortages and the consequent fantastically high prices.—Reuter

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Washington, Mar. 27.
The United States has somewhat relaxed its pressure upon Spain's Generalissimo Francisco Franco for drastic internal reforms because of fears that such changes would play into the hands of Spanish Communists, according to informed sources here today.

It is also learned the Spaniards are refusing to agree even to "window dressing" reforms which might make it possible to include Spain in the Marshall Plan list without the United States and other Western European nations "losing face."

Earlier this week Representative Alvin E. Okonski, Republican of Wisconsin, defended Franco Spain as a nation which "fought Communism for years." Okonski added that since that is the same objective as the Marshall Plan Spain ought to be included.

This change in United States policy toward Spain had been developing for many months. Diplomatic sources predicted that if world conditions tend to worsen even more the United States may formalise a policy change.

The authorities admitted it is extremely difficult to get Franco to make any internal changes at this time. They feel he is operating on the theory that sooner or later the Western powers will be forced to take him and his regime pretty much as it is.

Paul Culbertson, American Charge d'Affaires in Madrid, recently concluded "an important series of talks with the Spanish Foreign Minister, Alberto Martin Artajo, on the subject. Culbertson outlined the conditions under which the United States would undertake to restore Spain to the family of nations.

Artajo replied a few weeks later that Spain is unable to relax controls because of the fear of Communists. He refused to "promise any concessions whatever."—United Press.

Studying For Conversion

New York, Mar. 27.
News of the reported presence of Mrs. Wellington Koo at the Good Friday services in St. Patrick's Cathedral today gave credence to reports from Washington that she is studying for conversion to Catholicism.

The Rev. Mr. Fulton Speen, preacher at the service, is reported to be Mrs. Koo's religious instructor.

In Washington, the Chinese Embassy declined to comment on the news report. The spokesman said she was merely spending the weekend in New York with friends.

Mrs. Koo was not immediately available in New York for comment.—United Press.

GIRL GUIDE RALLY

New York, Mar. 28.
More than 100 delegates and official guests from girl guide and girl scout organisations in all parts of the world attend the 12th World Conference of Girl Guides and Scouts from August 13 to 23 at Cooperstown, New York.

The Girl Scout National Headquarters, announcing the Conference, said it would be the second in the United States since the International Association of Girl Guide and Girl Scout Movements was organised 29 years ago.—Reuter.

EGG ROLLING

Frankfurt, Mar. 28.
The traditional egg rolling to mark Easter Sunday morning was strictly rationed today. Germans were granted one egg each for the holidays—their first since Christmas.
Some did not even get that. They may claim their Easter eggs for the next two weeks depending upon supply.—United Press.

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N.Y. Stock Markets

New York, Mar. 27.
After eight generally advancing sessions the stock market on Saturday took a rest at slightly lower levels although holding a modest advance on the week. Bottoming of the stock market was the chief feature of the day. The market was affected by a retractive wave "boost" granted engineers, firemen and switchmen by a Presidential emergency board.

Throughout the week bullishness was based mainly on the inflationary implications of large scale rearmament spending, expectation of a tax cut and likely approval of the foreign aid programme.

Transfers in the short session were 450,000 shares.

Among gainers were Allied Chemical, Woolworth, Douglas Aircraft, United Aircraft, Curtiss Wright, Pure Oil, Moore McCormack Lines.

Losers included Gulf Oil, Santa Fe, Union Pacific, Illinois Central, Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 63.35, 20 Industrials 18.95, 15 Rails 12.51, 10 Utilities 22.80.

Closing stock quotations:—Adams Express 18 1/2, Alaska Petroleum 2 1/2, American Can 4 1/2, American Smelting 5 1/2, American Telephone 10 1/2, American Tobacco 17 1/2, American Waterworks 7 1/2, Anaconda Copper 24 1/2, Aviation Corp. 1 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 14 1/2, Barnhill 20 1/2, Bendis Aviation 32 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 27 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 27 1/2, London & Co. 40 1/2, Canadian Pacific 10 1/2, J. I. Case 30 1/2, Chrysler 5 1/2, Coraco 43, Commercial Solvents 28 1/2, Corn Products 54 1/2, Dupont 12 1/2, Eastman Kodak 42 1/2, Electric Light & Power 17 1/2, General Electric 35 1/2, General Motors 5 1/2, Goodrich 33 1/2, Goodyear 14 1/2, Hamilton 10 1/2, International Harvester 27 1/2, International Paper 29 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 18, Johns Manville 38 1/2, Kennecott Copper 10 1/2, Montgomery Ward 28 1/2, National Distillers 23 1/2, National Lead 35 1/2, New York Central 14 1/2, Packard Motors 4 1/2, Pan American Airways 9 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 18 1/2, Radio Corp. 9 1/2, Real Bill 12, Republic Steel 28 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 28 1/2, Schenley 25 1/2, Sears Roebuck 24 1/2, Shell Oil 22 1/2, Sococo Vacuum 16 1/2, Southern Pacific 20 1/2, Standard Brands 28 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 21 1/2, Standard Oil of N.J. 24 1/2, Standard Oil of Ind. 23 1/2, Union Bag 30 1/2, United Carbide 10 1/2, U.S. Rubber 4 1/2, U.S. Steel 28 1/2, U.S. Lines 28 1/2, Westinghouse 29 1/2, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 24 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 12 1/2.—Associated Press.

Banking and financial circles here believe that this official move is designated to encourage imports and bring down the cost of living, and would result in a gradual decrease in the sterling exchange rate in the open market.—Reuter

Gold Seizure In Manila

Manila, Mar. 28.
Customs officials held up the departure of a China National Aviation Corporation C-47 plane bound from Manila to Amoy and Shanghai for 24 hours as a result of the discovery of over US\$2,500 worth of home-made gold pieces hidden in California oranges.

China Chief, 29-year-old local Chinese, was detained by the authorities, who said they found the valuable oranges in his baggage.

Large quantities of Philippine mined gold was sold here in recent months to Chinese merchants over substantial premiums over U.S. prices.

United States Mine price of \$35 an ounce while some of the gold was used for hoarding purposes, it is believed that it flows into China through illegal channels.—Associated Press.

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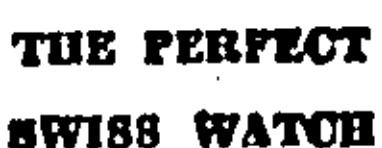
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"Rapier" Discusses Today's Entries

Race No. 8.—Mataukou Mill
(First Section).—Oss Mills.
Class 7, Australian. Pen-
weight, 147 lb. per head
on \$100 or part thereof
in the stakes alive January
1, 1938. Limit to penalty 12
Bright Season (Kiwak) has
given top weight of 155 lb.
on that account alone, I
am going to rule it out. I
am happy to see the record
has been showing good
late, and at the distance is
to his liking. I think it will
be a good horse. I think
I was quite impressed with
appearance of Twin Bid at the
meeting when I came out
to take third place in the
girls' race. I think he is
a good horse. I think he is

Stakes (Second Section)—
the 1-1/2 Mile Post.
The second lot of Class B
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the Forest City should
For coming in second and
respectively in the Y
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away from the fight. Kwong Ming, taking second prize, was leaving the third position to the fourth, who fought against Ho (H. K. O. Chan) and H.

usually sound Arsenal defence netting twice.

Kwong Ming, I think, however, was disappointed to find that his opponent, Fredy Lant, will not win, with Kwong Ming taking second place, leaving the third position to be contested by the young Golden Eagle.

**OPEN TENNIS
FIXTURES**

Fixtures in the Colony's Tennis Open Singles Championships are as follows:

Tuesday: Court A. J.D. Mackie v. P. Saito; Court 2. K.L. Wu v. Wong Suk-ki; Court 3. R.O. Baker v. W. Segalpi; Court 4. K. Lo v.

penalty goal for the Barbarians, and Roberts obtained a similar goal for Cardiff.

Swansea proved too good for Harlequins at St. Helen's, winning by 21 points to seven. The Welshman did all their scoring before the Harlequins got a dropped goal and a try in a late rally.

Cowley's bad spell continued at Sale where they lost by 10 points to six after a fine early penalty kick by Matthews. Sale did nearly all the growing in the second half.

The North of Ireland beat Ulster by 16 points to eight in a game which was somewhat one-sided in the first half.

EASTERN WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Owing to a typographical error, the score of the Divisional match between Essex and St. Joseph's given yesterday as a two draws, is now corrected to Eastern 2; St. Joseph's 0.

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New York, May 15.—America's Wightman Cup team for the women's annual tennis encounter against Great Britain, which was held at Wimbledon on June 11, was announced today as:

Miss Louise Brough, Margaret Osborne, Du Pont, Doris Hart, and Miss Mary Keady, with Mrs. Hazel W. Hearn, serving as non-playing ball players.

The American team, captained by Mrs. Hearn, will leave for England at about 10 o'clock tomorrow morning for the match which will be played at Wimbledon on June 11.